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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 21, 2005  
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

To: MS: Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2005, in connection with the above-identified application, the following remarks are submitted. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.